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Walter Cronkite, Most-Trusted Man in News, Dies at 92

by Al Kaff

OPC member **Walter Cronkite** died on July 17 at the age of 92. *Bulletin* People columnist Al Kaff gathered stories from OPC members about their recollections.

At the OPC's annual awards dinner in 1996, Walter Cronkite received the Club's President's Award for Lifetime Achievement and was named an Honorary OPC member. In a letter to then OPC President **William J. Holstein**, Cronkite wrote, "At my age a lifetime membership isn't that big a deal. But an Honorary one certainly is! It is an honor, and I am greatly appreciative."

Allan Dodds Frank: "In April, 1975, the newsman on top of the world, Walter Cronkite, generously gave me an hour-long interview. I was then a 27-year-old reporter for *The Washington Star* who had called to ask what the end of the Vietnam War meant to him and the country. What was most impressive about Cronkite was his clear-eyed assessment of the news business he so cherished. He understood the burden of being the most trusted man in America."

Jacqueline Albert-Simon: "I met Walter once when I was a graduate student at a party at **Max Lerner**'s house. Everyone was somebody but me, Walter most of all, but to me the least forbidding. I asked him what were a journalist's most necessary qualities. He answered: 'curiosity and modesty.'"



Sonya K. Fry

Walter and Betsy Cronkite attended an OPC Book Night for *War Torn* in September 2002.

John Corporan: "In 1996 or 1997, Cronkite wrote a piece for the OPC Bulletin telling about the Normandy invasion and how carrier pigeons with news reports, which were supposed to go to

Reuters in London, either died on takeoff or flew towards Germany."

Roy Rowan: "As an ardent sailor, Walter was a big fan of *On the Sound*, the

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Arrests Escalate; Press Shuttered in Iran

EVENT RECAP: JUNE 30

by Aimee Rinehart

The first U.S. news conference with journalist Roxana Saberi was sponsored by the OPC, International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International-USA and held on June 30.

Saberi was imprisoned for five months in Evin Prison in Iran after being arrested in January for reporting without press credentials and charged with espionage. Through a series of negotiations with news agencies and a coalition of international government pressure, an appeals court reduced her eight-year jail sentence to a two-year suspended term and Saberi was released on May 11.

But the story in Iran does not end with Saberi's welcomed release. At least 200 human rights activists, intellectuals, civil



Aimee Rinehart

Roxana Saberi at the news conference.

society leaders, opposition political activists, students, and journalists have been arbitrarily detained in Iran since the disputed June 12 presidential elections.

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Members Rally and Meet Challenge Grant Deadline

by Aimee Rinehart

The mood was buoyant at this year's annual OPC meeting on August 4, with good news on Club finances and new faces elected to the board.

The Club always welcomes its accountant Richard Sherman to the annual meeting, but this year ever more so with the announcement that 2009, at least for the OPC, has been a "good year." "We went into 2009 with \$64,000 and since then have increased Club profits by \$47,000," Sherman said. He reminded members to not get too excited or relaxed about this number as the Club still relies on its awards dinner in April for most of its income and the remainder of the year looks to eat away at the income, not build. "The last five months of the year costs more than what you make," he said. "Expect the profit to dwindle."

In 2008, the OPC was given a Challenge Grant by a consortium of foundations that include Ford, Knight, McCormick and Ethics and Excellence in Journalism. The Club had to match the \$25,000 given by the consortium within the year. On Monday afternoon, OPC President Allan Dodds Frank issued an e-newsletter calling on members to contribute the remaining \$1200 to meet the August 6 deadline. OPC members dug deep and went beyond the grant requirements and raised \$32,175 thanks to many generous last-minute donations.

"I want to thank everyone who has contributed," Frank said. "And also mention our very generous board." Frank said that compared to other participants who received the grant, OPC member participation doubled other organizations. The OPC will use part of the money to hire Jeanne Sigler of Jeanne Sigler & Associates to accelerate fund raising subsequent to the challenge grant. The Club will also work to improve its databases and possibly publish a new member directory.

For the election, the OPC received 107 total ballots from 90 Active members and 17 Associate members. Felice Levin, who led the ballot count, said voter participation was on par with 2008.

New Active board members are **Diane Brady**, Senior Editor



Felice Levin, who tallied this year's election ballots with OPC President Allan Dodds Frank, as OPC Executive Director Sonya Fry and Cyma Rubin look on.

and Content Chief at *BusinessWeek*; **Adam B. Ellick**, multimedia journalist at *The New York Times*; **Dorinda Elliott**, Deputy Editor at *Condé Nast Traveler*; **Rana Foroohar**, Senior Editor for *Newsweek*; **Travis Fox**, senior videojournalist for *The Washington Post*; re-elected are **George de Lama**, freelance editor, and **Calvin Sims**, Program Officer for News Media at the Ford Foundation. Active Alternate is **Toni Reinhold** of Reuters and Associate board member is **Minky Worden**, Media Director of Human Rights Watch.

Co-chairman of the OPC's Press Freedom Committee Kevin McDermott provided a recap of the committee's recent work. "We've focused our efforts on Africa in the past 30 days," McDermott said. The Committee also called for a transparent investigation of the murder of civil rights activist and former journalist, Natalia Estemirova. McDermott said the past two Press Freedom OPC events – panels on Iran and Mexico – were joint ventures with like-minded organizations and played to a "packed" audience.

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Walter Cronkite

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magazine that I started in 1970. He came to the party given to celebrate the first issue. Walter and Betsy also came to a party at the OPC for the launching of one of Seymour Topping's novels."

Larry Martz: "Early this decade, Cronkite had agreed to be grand marshal of the Fourth of July parade on Vinal Haven, the island off Maine. He wasn't the village's first choice. They wanted Cesar Romero, who had made a lot of friends on the island when he made a movie there back in the 1940s or 1950s, but he was too old and senile to come. So Vinal Haven asked Cronkite. Nobody told him, of course, that he was filling in for Cesar Romero, but I think he probably would have laughed if he had found out."

Ed Jackson: "He loved to stand around at UPI Downhold reunions swapping anecdotes about UPI's notorious parsimony."

Fred Ferguson: "At the OPC's 1986 Vietnam correspondents reunion at the Seventh Regiment Armory in New York City, Walter proudly showed up in his WWII correspondents army tunic although he conceded it was tight, very tight. He recalled ducking off the news desk in London to go on a glider behind enemy lines."

Linda Goetz Holmes: "At a 1994 OPC lunch hosted for Walter, Andy Rooney ("60 Minutes"), Bill Walton (*Time*) and Jack Thompson (Andy's WWII colleague at *Stars & Stripes*), Walter impressed us all by arriving in his Army jacket, with the correspondent name bar still attached. When it was his turn to speak, Walter said, 'I can't wait to get out of this blouse - I haven't exhaled in an hour and a half.' A big issue with Walter was the sponsors' insistence that TV newscasters lead into a commercial with 'Now this important message.' Walter had enough clout to demand that newscasters say merely 'now this message' - leaving out the word 'important.' One thing which always struck me about Walter was the respect and courtesy he showed to colleagues, often coming to an OPC event in his latter years 'to pay my respects' as he headed for a longtime colleague."

Ruth Gruber: "I met Walter in a long line of people waiting to shake his hand. I told him I will never forget how tears formed behind his eyes as he told us that the president had been shot."

Barrett McGurn: "I remember



Walter Cronkite at an OPC Book Night in 2005 for Seymour Topping's book *Fatal Crossroads*.

Walter sitting with us across the Seine as we blew out 99 candles on a cake celebrating the centennial of the *Paris Herald Tribune*. For a few moments, the Eiffel Tower went black, our 100th candle!"

Sonya Fry: "In 2002, the OPC presented a Book Night for *War Torn: Stories of War from the Women Reporters Who Covered Vietnam*. The panel consisted of the women reporters who collaborated on the book moderated by **Paula Zahn**. When I asked Walter if he was here as the guest of any one of the writers in particular, he stood up straight and announced, 'I am here to honor them all and where is the bar?' This was said in one breath as befits a true reporter. In 1996 when he received the OPC President's Award, Walter was gracious, but clearly not in good health. When it was time to come to the podium to speak, Cronkite rallied, gave a rousing speech with not one cough or hesitation. Given a microphone he became the true professional broadcaster that he was. A few weeks later, he had heart surgery."

Al Webb: "When a whole bunch of vehicles, mostly with journalists, were lined up waiting to get through the stiff checks at the Cape Canaveral gate, Walter climbed out of his car, a couple of vehicles ahead of me, walked back to my auto and leaned over to say how much 'I appreciate and admire your column on the space program, please keep it up and again many thanks.'"

Arnold Zeitlin: "I was interviewing him in the late 50s at a Manhattan restaurant. My mother came. She was thrilled."

Don Kirk: "I flew with him on a plane to Phu Bai, outside Hue, during the 1968 Tet offensive. That was the trip in which he formed his doubts about the Vietnam War... Another time, I asked him what he thought of being sidelined by CBS during the Democratic convention in 1964, he responded, 'I work for them, it's their candy store.'"

Robert Elegant: "Cronkite said a few years ago that Iraq was a total defeat for

the U.S. So far his words have proved wrong, even the reverse. On the future, who knows?"

Tracy Wood: "I'd convinced the North Vietnamese in early 1973 to let me cover two of the U.S. POW releases from Hanoi, but they insisted we rent a plane and I could bring reporters from other news agencies. CBS had tied up all planes in SE Asia capable of making the trip. Cronkite had to fly on my visa and all reporters, including his rivals from NBC and ABC, wound up going on Walter's plane. And yes, we took AP along too. I fully expected Cronkite to be angry and, frankly, nasty about having to share his plane. Instead, he was absolutely gracious, teaching a young reporter that the very best in our profession had a kind, generous spirit."

Bud Crick: "I was in Japan years ago covering a World Scout Jamboree when a typhoon hit our encampment on the slopes of Mt. Fuji. I called Cronkite to get the word to U.S. parents their sons were safe and were being temporarily quartered in temples and other facilities away from the typhoon's path. He followed through on the request. He was truly one of the great communicators."

Gordon Joseloff, who was sent to Moscow by CBS News with "Walter's blessing" in 1979: "When I ran for first selectman [of Westport, Connecticut in 2005], I thought a letter of support from Walter might get some notice among all the letters to the editor... He agreed to write letters of support... shortly after my election, he called to congratulate me, saying 'Well, Mr. Mayor, can you get me any sewer contracts?'"

Susan Bray DeLong: "I only met Cronkite once, when the tall ships sailed into harbor on the Delaware River. Walter was aboard one of them. Walter came over for a chat. He had fond memories of UPI. He was warm and funny and dressed to the teeth in a very natty jacket and hat."

Note: Walter's obituary is on page 10.

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Many ordinary citizens have also been detained, injured and even killed in the course of protests. Many fear that more violent confrontations, and more grave human rights violations may lie ahead.

Hadi Ghaemi, director of the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran and point person for the OPC press conference, said the press conference was called to highlight the escalating number of arrests and the grave situation of human rights in Iran.

"When Roxana was in prison there were already dozens of Iranian citizens in jail," Ghaemi said. "There are now thousands of people in Iranian jails who we know nothing about. People have simply disappeared."

Sarah Leah Whitson, Human Rights Watch Director of Middle East and North Africa Division said information has been the victim of the crackdown.

"The Iranian government has shut down the Internet, disrupted mobile phones and disconnected satellites from homes. People cannot get information out or information in," Whitson said. "There are thankfully limits on the government's success."

Whitson went down a procedural list of arrest and crowd control laws that Iran has violated like arresting people without a warrant, firing guns into crowds, no access to counsel, etc.

"The reason why I emphasize these points is because there is a debate about the role of the international community," Wilkinson said. "But the questions we're facing...transcend national boundaries."

Elise Auerbach, Iran Specialist for Amnesty International USA, said one of the most disturbing trends in Iran is the torture and coercion of detainees who then make forced confessions on national Iranian television.

Roxana Saberi spoke about the confessions of so-called "security detainees." Because of the the relentless regimen of questioning, threats and fear for prolonged detainment, Saberi said "the credibility of these confessions should be questioned."

The press conference also aimed to bring attention to the case of Silva Harotonian, who shared a cell with Saberi. Harotonian, an Iranian citizen of Armenian descent, was arrested on June 25, 2008, and charged with participating in an effort to overthrow the Iranian government through a "soft revolution." In January, she was sentenced to three years in jail. Harotonian worked for an American organization to improve health in Iran.

Harotonian's cousin, Klara Moradkhan, gave a moving speech about her cousin and the effort the family has undergone to try and free her from prison.

"We pursued quiet approaches, diplomatic channels,



Hadi Ghaemi



Sarah Leah Whitson



Elise Auerbach



Sonya K. Fry

Media outlets at the panel included APTV, Fuji TV, Reuters, Voice of America TV, Pakistan Television & Radio, Tokyo Broadcasting System, Anadolu Agency (Turkey), TV Asahi, RAI Italian Television, New Tang Dynasty Television (China), Fox News, CBS News, BBC Persian, 1010 WINS, Getty Images, Times of London, Yedioth Ahronoth (Israel), World Policy Journal

launched freesilva.org and respectfully requested mercy. And still one year later, she remains in prison," Moradkhan said. "We are finally speaking out. And with your help, we're getting louder and louder."

Saberi was asked about her direct experience with imprisonment and interrogation tactics used on her but declined to comment on her case specifically.

In terms of press freedom in Iran, Ghaemi said that for the past nine years, Saeed Mortazavi, the prosecutor general of Tehran has acted as a general editor for all Iranian newspapers. He orders headlines changed and stories to be removed.

The newspaper "...*Etemad Melli* is coming out with sections of it all white," Ghaemi said. "They're sending the explicit message that they're being censored by authorities." Mohammad Ghoochani, editor-in-chief of *Etemad Melli*, which is considered a reformist newspaper and is owned by defeated presidential candidate Karroubi, was arrested in June. In July, Reporters Without Borders reported the total of journalists in prison is 41.

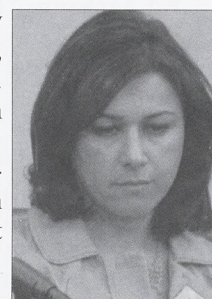
The Iranian government does see the press as a tool to control, the panelists maintained, otherwise, they would not be so interested in clamping down the free press and orchestrating the government party-line.

While the election results are still in question to the international community, Saberi was quick to add that a change in leadership would not indicate a revolution for the country.

"If Iranian opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi would have been elected, the Iranian government would still be a minimalist democracy because he still wants to work within the framework of the Islamic Republic," Saberi said. "But he has been standing up as much as he can with his supporters and colleagues in jail."

"Mousavi is not the opposition candidate," Ghaemi added. "He's the ultimate insider and the people around him who are in jail are also insiders."

Saberi said she was working on a book before her arrest and said imprisonment changed the book's angle. The Iranian court said she can return to Iran but she does not have immediate plans to do so.



Klara Moradkhan



PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

GLOBAL:

Tom Mitchell of
The Financial Times

was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong this spring, succeeding **Ernst Herb** of the Swiss financial and business paper *Finanz und Wirtschaft*. Three Hong Kong-based OPC members were reelected to the board: **Keith Bradsher**, *New York Times* bureau chief, 1st vice president; **Jim Laurie**, the Journalism and Media Studies Center at Hong Kong University and Focus Asia Productions that produces TV shows for BBC World News and California PBS, correspondent governor; and **Thomas Crampton**, New Media, associate governor.

Laurie, also an OPC board member, consults for Al Jazeera's English network, Indian TV Aaj Tak and Beijing's CCTV International. Laurie reports that the Middle East network has 140 people in Asia, most of them at a broadcast center in Kuala Lumpur.

In Tokyo, **Monzurul Huq**, correspondent for the Bangladesh dailies *Prothom Alo* and *Daily Star*, was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in June, defeating **Tim Kelly** of *Forbes* magazine. Huq, a former BBC World Service staffer in London, succeeds **Catherine Makino** of Inter Press Service.

The Wall Street Journal appointed editors in Asia and the United States in June. **Almar Latour** was named the newspaper's editor-in-chief, Asia. Announcing his appointment, *WSJ* editor **Robert Thomson** said the audience for *The Journal's* Chinese-language site has quadrupled over the past 18 months, and the newspaper will launch a Japanese-language site this autumn. *The Journal* also recently expanded to India. In the other appointment, **Deborah Brewster**, formerly with *The Financial Times*, became the *WSJ's* deputy managing editor. Before joining *The Financial Times* in 1999, she worked for Australian publications, *The Australian* and *The Age of Australia*.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast: French freelance photojournalist **Jean-Paul Ney** returned to Paris earlier this year after spending 16 months in jail for alleged involvement in an attempted coup. Ney denied links to any coup and said the case against him was manipulated. He was jailed in January 2008 along with another French national and eight West Africans on charges of an "attack [and] plotting against the authority of the state."

ATLANTA: Former President George H. W. Bush celebrated his 85th birthday June 12 by skydiving from an airplane. OPC member **Ronda Robinson**, celebrated her 53rd birthday on June 12 with a glider ride above Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee. "My friend and I are turning it into a travel story for the Knoxville newspaper," Robinson wrote in an e-mail.

A former correspondent in Israel, Robinson is now a communications specialist at the

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

BAGHDAD: **Bob Woodruff** returned to the Iraq war zone July 13 for the first time since he was seriously injured there three and a half years ago. "It is an honor for me to continue to highlight the stories of this conflict to our audience," the ABC News correspondent wrote on ABCNews.com. Woodruff, now 47, suffered severe brain trauma in January 2006 when a roadside bomb struck the convoy he was riding in north of Baghdad.

BANJUL, Gambia: Seven local journalists were arrested June 15 and went on trial July 3 on charges of seditious publication. They work for Gambia Press Union and the newspapers *The Point* and *Forayaa*. They were arrested after publication of a GPU statement criticizing comments made by President Yahya Jammeh about the 2004 killing of **Deyda Hydera**, editor of *The Point*. Hydera was gunned down in 2004. The president said the government had "no stake" in the killing as suspected by human rights group, and hinted that the editor was murdered because of a complicated love life. Six other journalists were freed on bail June 22 pending their trial on sedition charges after they criticized the country's lack of press freedom.

BEIRUT: **Terry Anderson**, the AP bureau chief who was held hostage in Lebanon for nearly seven years before his release in 1991, was back in that country this summer teaching American students at the University of Beirut about covering the Middle East.

CAPE TOWN: **Thembi Ngubane** "was brave and open about living with AIDS at a time when most South Africans were quiet about the epidemic," radio broadcaster **Joe Richman** wrote. "Her story was heard by millions of people in a dozen countries and five languages. On her tour of the United States, she met Bill

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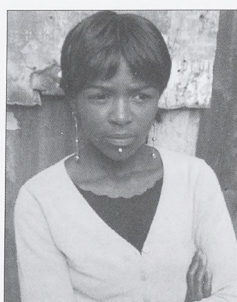
Rita Sevell

BLOCK ISLAND, Rhode Island: Three former OPC presidents converge on Block Island this summer.

From left: **William J. Holstein**, **Roy Rowan** and **Larry Smith** wearing a T-shirt promoting one of Rowan's books.

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Clinton and then-Senator Barak Obama. She traveled to Germany and India as a UNICEF ambassador." For his report "Thembi's AIDS Diary" broadcast on Radio Diaries and NPR, Richman



Thembi Ngubane

won the OPC's 2006 Lowell Thomas Award for the best radio news on international affairs. Struggling with TB, Thembi, 24, died June 4 in a South African hospital.

Her life was "a full one by any measure," Richman wrote. "She had a child. She found a soul mate in her longtime boy friend. She became a role model for young people living with HIV.

COLOMBO: Ravi Nessman, AP bureau chief in Sri Lanka, was expelled from the country after reporting civilian death tolls in the government's recent final push against Tamil Tiger rebels, the International Press Institute reported on July 24. Nessman

also wrote that a government document set down a plan to keep thousands of refugees in camps up to three years. A



Ravi Nessman

government spokesman denied that Nessman was being forced out, saying it was standard for foreign correspondents to spend two years in Colombo. But Nessman's predecessor worked in Colombo for 10 years from 1997 to 2007.

HARARE, Zambia: Chansa Kabwela, news editor of *The Post*, was arrested on charges of circulating obscene material July 20 after she mailed to Zambia's vice president, health minister and other government officials two photos of a woman giving birth in public outside a hospital without proper medical care. The photographs were attached to a letter on the consequences of a health strike. The newspaper did not publish the photos of the woman in a breech delivery. The child later died.

Global War on Journalists Takes No Summer Holiday

Violence continues against journalists around the world. Former journalist **Natalya Estemirova**, a human rights activist, was kidnapped by several men July 15 about 8:30 a.m. when she left her home for work in Grozny, the Chechnya capital. Her body was found nine hours later about 50 miles away on a roadside with two bullet wounds in her head. "She documented the most horrendous violations, mass executions," said **Tatyana Lokshina**, a Moscow researcher with the U.S.-based Human Rights Watch. Estemirova, 50, worked with journalist **Anna**



Natalia Estemirova in 2007.

Politkovskaya, who was murdered in 2006, in uncovering human rights abuses in Chechnya. The next year, Estemirova won an award named for Politskovskaya. Single mother of a 15-year-old daughter, Estemirova stood out among human rights activists because she remained in her hometown in a two-room apartment still damaged in the Chechnya war that became a guest house for visiting journalists and human rights workers, *The New York Times* wrote.

Two Mexican journalists were killed within two days of each other. **Martín Javier Miranda Avilés**, a reporter on the daily *Panorama* and correspondent for the news agency Quadratin, was found dead at his home in Zitacuaro July 12 with two knife wounds in his back. On July 14, **Ernesto Montañez Valdivia**, an editor on the newspaper *Enfoque del Sol de Chihuahua*, was ambushed by armed men while driving his car and shot dead in Ciudad Juárez. His 17-year-old son who was accompanying him was wounded in the neck.

Journalist **Almaz Tashiyev** died in a hospital in Nookat, his Kyrgyzstan hometown, July 12 after falling into a coma. His relatives said he was beaten by eight police officers July 4. But the authorities insist the fight was over a private matter. "That was a fight not related to Almaz Tashiyev's professional activities," Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Sadyrbek Kurmanaliyev told a news conference. "On the road, [Tashiyev] met a friend, a police officer. However, there was a private quarrel between them. The officer was out of uniform." Tashiyev, 32, was a reporter whose articles in the newspaper *Agym* often criticized the government's performance.

In Colombo **Poddala Jayantha**, general secretary of Sri Lanka's Working Journalists Association who has campaigned against government restrictions on the media, was abducted, driven off in the type of van associated with clandestine government attacks and tortured by unknown assailants this spring. His left leg was shattered, his fingers broken and his right leg burned. In a letter to Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa, **Jeremy Main** and **Kevin McDermott** of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee quoted a National Public Radio report that 16 journalists were assassinated in Sri Lanka in the last decade.

Pakistan security forces fired on a car carrying two journalists from the Pashto TV channel AVT Khyber, a photographer from the daily *Dawn* and their driver June 9, wounding two of them, the Pakistan Press Foundation reported. They were on their way to cover events in Upper Dir. Wounded were TV cameraman **Malik Irfin** and driver **Mohammed Mushtaq**.

Vyacheslav Yaroshenko, editor-in-chief of the independent newspaper *Korrupsiya i Prestupnost* (*Corruption and Crime*) published in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, died June 29 of head injuries suffered in the early morning of April 30. His deputy, **Sergei Sleptsov**, said Yaroshenko was attacked because his newspaper reported on alleged corruption involving Rostov law enforcement agencies. But police said he was injured in a fist fight and later said he was injured when he fell down the steps in the entrance to his apartment building. The editor was hospitalized with skull and brain trauma, spent five days in a coma and underwent surgery twice.

After finishing his broadcast on radio station DWDO in San Jose, Philippines on June 9, **Crispin Perez**, whose comments often angered local people, was fatally stabbed and shot by unknown attackers who escaped on a motorcycle. He was the third journalist killed in the Philippines this year, and a fourth died in police crossfire.

Trésor Nduaya, a cameraman for opposition-owned Canal Congo Television, was punched by police, stripped of his clothes, robbed and his camera damaged this summer when he attempted to interview residents of a housing project being demolished in Kinshasa, Congo. He was released after 11 hours in police custody.

HARGEISA, Somaliland: **Mohamed Osman Mire**, Radio Horyaal's director, and its news editor, **Ahmed Suleyman Dhuhul**, were arrested July 13 and denied bail. Police said they misrepresented a meeting between clan leaders in the presidential palace. The journalists also incited inter-clan violence that broke out after the meeting ended in dispute, police said.



David Rohde was welcomed by colleagues after his escape from Afghanistan. He was joined by his wife, **Kristen Mulvihill**, right, and his translator **Tahir Ludin**, left.

KABUL: *New York Times* correspondent **David Rohde** and his interpreter, Afghan reporter **Tahir Ludin**, were kidnapped by the Taliban last November 10, but they escaped from their captors June 20 and fled to safety. To make their guards sleepy the night of their escape, Ludin challenged them to a board game, playing until midnight.

Taking advantage of their weary guards, Rohde, 41, and Ludin, 35, escaped from the second floor of a Taliban compound in northern Pakistan and dropped down a 20-foot wall with a rope that Rohde had found earlier and hid it from the guards. Until their escape, their kidnapping had been kept secret by *The Times* and other media organizations out of concern for their safety. Their driver did not escape.

Rohde's wife, **Kristen Mulvihill**, said, "We've been married nine months. And seven of these, David has been in captivity." Rohde, then on leave from *The Times*, traveled to Afghanistan in November to work on a book about U.S. involvement there, and he was on his way to interview a Taliban commander when kidnapped near Kabul. Rohde was part of a *Times* team that won a Pulitzer Prize this spring for coverage of Afghanistan and Pakistan. When he was a *Christian Science Monitor* correspondent, Rohde won a 1996 Pulitzer for his reports on the Srebrenica massacre of Bosnian Serbs and the OPC's 1995 Hal Boyle Award.

KIEV: Former Ukrainian General **Oleksiy Pukach**, who has been on the run for nine years, was captured July 21 and charged in the murder of investigative journalist **Georgiy Gongadze**, who was abducted in 2000 and his body found months later. He had been beaten, strangled, decapitated, doused in petrol and burned. BBC News said Pukach confessed to the murder, organized the abduction, personally strangled Gongadze and implicated senior political figures in the killing. Three former policemen were convicted of the murder last year and given sentences of 12 and 13 years.

LONDON: OPC member **Harry Benson**, an internationally-known photographer, was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire at an investiture ceremony in Buckingham Palace in March. The order was presented to him by Princess Anne. Born in Scotland and now living in New York City, Benson's photographs include the Beatles in a joyous pillow fight after hearing that their recording of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" had reached number one, Michael Jackson in his bedroom, Elizabeth Taylor before and after her brain surgery, wars and every U.S. president since Dwight D. Eisenhower. Benson has published several books, and his work has appeared in many publications including *Life*, *Vanity Fair*, *People* and *The New York Times*. Benson's wife **Gigi** and their two daughters, **Wendy Landes** and **Tessa Benson**, flew to London for the ceremony.



Harry Benson and **Princess Anne**.

MADRID: For the second time in one year, Spain's National Court on July 14 dismissed charges against three U.S. soldiers in the killing of two cameramen in Baghdad six years ago. **Tarass Portsky**, a Reuters cameraman, and Spanish cameraman **José Couso** were killed in April 2003 when the soldiers opened fire on the Palestine Hotel. The soldiers said they

were responding to hostile fire. Charges were dismissed last year but an investigative judge reopened the case in May after three Spanish journalists said the soldiers' tank had not come under attack before they opened fire. But the court ruled again that there was no evidence to suggest the soldiers broke the rules of engagement.

MOSCOW: Russia's Supreme Court on June 25 overturned the acquittal of four men accused of involvement in the 2006 murder of investigative reporter **Anna Politkovskaya**.

A new trial was ordered for two Chechen brothers and a former police investigator, who were found not guilty on charges they provided logistical support for the



Chechen brothers Dzhabrail, center, and **Ibragim Makhmudov**.

killing, and for a former colonel who faced lesser charges. Investigators believe that **Rustam Makhmudov**, a brother of the two Chechen defendants, carried out the murder, shooting **Politkovskaya**, 48, with a pistol in the hallway of her apartment building when she returned home. He is believed to be hiding abroad.

PARIS: French Foreign Minister **Bernard Kouchner** conducted the June 30 ceremony during which OPC member **Jim Bittermann** was made a Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor, France's highest civilian and military decoration. The Foreign Minister said Bittermann was honored for his 30 years covering French news as well as his teaching at



CNN's Jim Bittermann at the ceremony.

the American University in Paris and a score of universities on both sides of the Atlantic. Among several hundred people who attended the ceremony were OPC member **Mort Rosenblum** and **Keith Richburg**. Since 1975, Bittermann has been based in Toronto, Rome and Paris, reporting for CBC, NBC, ABC and CNN. Co-president and co-founder of the European-American Press Club in Paris,

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Euna Lee and Laura Ling Arrive Home

Kim Jong-il issued a special pardon to American journalists **Laura Ling** and **Euna Lee** and ordered their immediate release on August 4 shortly after the North Korean leader met with Bill Clinton. The former U.S. president flew to Pyongyang on an unannounced mission to seek the release of the two women, who were arrested by North Korean soldiers March 17 for crossing the border into North Korea and sentenced to 12 years in a labor camp.

Ling and Lee sobbed and embraced their husbands and Lee's 4-year-old daughter, Hana, at Burbank, California airport after a 9 1/2-hour flight from Japan. It was the last stop following their release. Press reports said North Korea agreed earlier to release the two journalists if Clinton would come to Pyongyang on their behalf.

After Kim's order was announced, Ling and Lee boarded Clinton's plane and returned to the United States. The White House said Clinton's mission was a private mission, not a government one. Ling and Lee work for the San Francisco-based Current TV, co-founded by Al Gore, Clinton's vice president.

In North Korea, Clinton was accorded honors reserved for heads of state. Senior officials, led by Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan, met his private unmarked plane when it arrived August 4. Clinton exchanged handshakes with officials and accepted a bouquet of flowers from a schoolgirl. Kim later hosted a banquet for Clinton at the state guesthouse.

The OPC wrote numerous letters on the journalists' behalf insisting on their release and OPC President **Allan Dodds Frank** addressed a candlelight vigil before their sentencing in early June.

The women admitted during their trial that they crossed into North Korea illegally, the state-run Korea Central New Agency said. In a June 16 dispatch, the Agency wrote, "During their trial, they admitted that what they did was a criminal act inspired by political motives of isolating and stifling our republic by defiling our human rights situation through fabricated video footage."

Ling, 36, and Lee, 32, were sentenced to 12 years of hard labor June 8 on charges they crossed the shallow Tumen River from China into North Korea. Given courtroom interpreters, Ling was defended by a lawyer, but Lee gave up her right to hire an attorney.

From North Korea on July 7, a month after their sentencing, Laura telephoned her sister, Lisa Ling, correspondent for the National Geographic's TV channel, to plead for diplomatic intervention to save her and Euna from a labor camp. Lisa said her sister during her 20-minute call "was very specific about the message that she was communicating, and she said, 'Look, we violated North Korean law and we need our government to help us. We are sorry about everything that has happened, but we need diplomacy.'"

Han Park, a University of Georgia political scientist, visited North Korea and was quoted in a July 11 AP dispatch from Seoul saying that Pyongyang is "seriously interested" in freeing the two women if the U.S. acknowledge their "hostile acts." Lee and Ling's sentences were not carried out, and they were held at a guesthouse in Pyongyang, Park said.

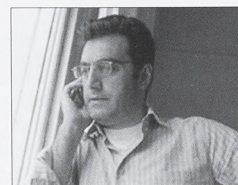


Euna Lee embraced her husband, Michael Saldate, and their 4-year-old daughter, Hana, as Laura Ling hugged her husband, Ian Clayton.

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Bittermann has established a scholarship for the study of international journalism at his alma mater, Southern Illinois University. His wife, **Pat Thompson**, directs the Paris American Television Company and the Paris bureau of SARL, French and American companies she founded after leaving ABC News in 1996.

TEHERAN: *Newsweek* correspondent **Maziar Bahari**, who holds both Iranian and Canadian citizenship, was arrested June 21 along with at least 23 other local and international journalists and charged on July 4 with "activities against national security." More than 100 journalists from 47 countries sent a petition to the Iranian government calling for Bahari's release.



Maziar Bahari

Signers included **Christiane Amanpour**, **Mariane Pearl**, **Fintan O'Toole**, **Lydia Cacho**, **Wilf Mbanga**, **Ted Koppel** and **Tom Friedman**. *Newsweek* editor **Jon Meacham** wrote in the magazine, "He [Bahari] is a journalist, a man who was doing his job, and doing it fairly and judiciously, when he was arrested. Maziar Bahari is an agent only of the truth as best he can see it."

Meanwhile, **Iason Athanasiadis-Foden**, a British-Greek correspondent for *The Washington Times* who was arrested June 19 at Tehran airport when he was about to leave the country, was released from jail. Iran's foreign minister said he was detained for "reasons conflicting with journalism and in relation with the recent street riots." Reporters Without Borders said Athanasiadis-Foden was the only non-Iranian journalist arrested since the June 12 elections that touched off the riots.

WINDHOCK, Namibia: British journalist **Jim Wickens** and his South African cameraman, **Bart Smithers**, were convicted July 17 of entering a protected marine area without a permit and given the choice of 12 months in jail or a \$1,200 fine. They were making a documentary on the annual seal hunt for the British agency Ecostorm, which agreed to pay their fines.

WASHINGTON: The U.S. House of Representatives passed the **Daniel Pearl**

Freedom of the Press Act in June and sent it to the Senate. The Act expands the State Department's annual examination of press freedom worldwide and establishes a grant program aimed at strengthening media independence internationally. "If the Act passes into law, countries where journalists are killed and persecuted for doing their jobs will be named and shamed," Rodney Pinder, director of the International News Safety Institute, said. The Act is named for *The Wall Street Journal* reporter murdered by terrorists in Pakistan in 2002.



President Obama surprised Helen Thomas with birthday cupcakes.

OPC member **Helen Thomas** and President Barack Obama share the same birthday, August 4. So that afternoon, Obama, who turned 48, walked into the press briefing room at the White House and handed Thomas, 89, a plate of cupcakes with one lighted candle. The president set down next to Thomas, placed his right arm around her and gave her a kiss. Asked by reporters about their birthday wishes, Obama replied, "Helen wished for world peace, no prejudice, but she and I also had a common birthday wish. She said she wishes for a healthcare reform bill." Dean of the White House press corps, Thomas has covered every U.S. president since John F. Kennedy.

WEDDINGS

Abby Lee, 32, senior press officer at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York City, and **Jeffery Lee**, 34, a vice president at JPMorgan Chase, also in NYC, were married June 8 at New York City Hall. The couple spent their honeymoon touring



cities in Japan, but for awhile they will live apart. In July, Abby was assigned to Taiwan's Government Information Office in Taipei while Jeff remains in Manhattan. "I want to make more contributions to my country and luckily Jeffrey is very supportive to this decision," Abby wrote in an e-mail. She was succeeded in the Taipei Office by **April Chen**.

OPC member **Tala Fatemeh Dowlatshahi**, a senior advisor and spokesperson for Reporter Without Borders, and **Timothy Richard Aubry**, an associate professor of American literature at Baruch College, were married May 16 at Waveny House in New Canaan, Connecticut. Both are in their 30s. Tala, a native of Iran, was raised in Marin County, California. She earned a master's degree in mass communications and international politics at New York University. Timothy received his PhD from Princeton University.



PEOPLE REMEMBERED

Arnold (Pappy) Noel, 86, a newsreel and still photographer who later became a special assistant to President Ford, died of cancer July 4 at his home in Front Royal, Virginia. After World War II service as an Air Corps B-29 tail gunner in the Pacific and peacetime service in the Air Force, Noel joined UPI in 1962, based in Washington. The events he covered for the Air Force, UPI and UPITN television included U.S. atomic tests in the South Pacific, activities at the U.S. Strategic Air Command in Goose Bay Labrador, the Vietnam War, Central American wars and the voyage of the SS Manhattan to seek a better route for Alaskan oil producers, the first commercial ship to sail the Northwest Passage. Starting in 1975, he spent 18 months with the Ford administration and then opened a restaurant in Front Royal. President of the White House News Photographers Association from 1972 to 1974, Noel sported a handlebar mustache to distinguish him from the older **Frank**

E. (Pappy) Noel, an AP Pulitzer Prize photographer who died in 1966. They were not related.

Frank Devine, 77, a former foreign correspondent and newspaper and magazine editor, died in Sydney July 3 after suffering from heart and lung ailments and prostrate cancer. After reporting for *The Australian* from New York, London and Tokyo over 10 years, Devine was editor-in-chief of the Australian and New Zealand edition of the *Reader's Digest* and an editor of the *American Reader's Digest*; editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the *New York Post*; and then back to *The Australian* as editor and columnist. His last column was published April 16.



When he was president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Tokyo, 1966 to 1967, Devine told a convention of Japanese newspaper editors and publishers, "We foreign correspondents find that Japanese officials, at most levels, are unwilling to give us information on a continuing day-to-day basis. Worse still, we find that our own professional colleagues, the journalists of Japan, frequently combine to exclude foreign reporters from access to news and news sources."

Rupert Murdoch, who hired Devine at the Chicago and New York newspapers, said, "I was impressed by Frank's grasp of journalism and his warm personality." Peter Coleman, a former opposition leader in New South Wales, described Devine as the "laughing cavalier of Australian journalism. His laughter, often noisy, was always infectious. He was a sports fanatic, a film buff and a stylish writer with a love for words. A bon vivant who loved long lunches, he was a conviction journalist whose religious faith was central to his life." Born in New Zealand, son of a carpenter and a life-long Catholic, Devine started his journalism career at age 17 on *The Marlborough Express* of New Zealand. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Jacqueline**, whom he met when they both were reporters for *The West Australian* in Perth, and their daughters:

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Miranda, a columnist at the *Sydney Morning Herald*; **Alexandra**, Bloomberg News, Tokyo; and **Rosalind**, who trained as an artist and lives in Sydney.



Claro Cortes III, 49, a former correspondent in Manila for UPI and then AP, died June 28 from complications following a stroke he suffered last year. Among the major stories he covered were the final years of the Marcos regime, failed coup attempts against President Aquino and the 1990 Baguio earthquake. After leaving AP in the late 1990s because of kidney disease, Cortes worked as head of the secretariat of the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines, but resigned after his 2008 stroke.



Hutchinson, right, at *The Honolulu Advertiser*

William E. Hutchinson was a news editor at the *Honolulu Advertiser* when Japanese warplanes bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The competing newspaper, the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, rushed out three extra editions that day, but the *Advertiser's* press was silent because of a broken gear. "We kept writing and editing copy for an extra, but there was no way to print anything," Hutchinson said. The local Japanese-language newspaper offered to let the *Advertiser* use its presses, but "in the frantic and mistrustful times of the crisis" the *Advertiser* rejected the offer. The *Advertiser* got a paper out the next day but ran an incorrect story headlined "SABOTEURS LAND HERE!"

Hutchinson remained with the *Advertiser*, serving occasionally as a war correspondent for the Overseas News Agency and United Press, until 1944 when he joined the U.S. Office of Strategic Services and was sent to India. In 1952, he joined the U.S. Information

Voice, Conscience of America: Walter Cronkite

by Al Kaff

Walter Leland Cronkite Jr., son of a dentist, was born November 4, 1916 in St. Joseph, Missouri. After a long illness, Walter Cronkite died July 17 at 7.42 p.m. in his New York City home at the age of 92.

Cronkite decided to become a newsman early in high school when he read a short story about a foreign correspondent in *American Boy* magazine. He covered World War II, the Nuremberg trials and Moscow for United Press; joined CBS News in Washington in 1950, anchored CBS Evening News for 19 years starting in 1962 and uttered these long-remembered words on November 22, 1963: "From Dallas, Texas, the flash, apparently official: (reading AP flash) 'President Kennedy died at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time.' (glancing up at clock) 2 o'clock Eastern Standard Time, some 38 minutes ago." Cronkite flew to China with President Nixon, to Paris with President Kennedy and to London for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

For years after retiring, he hosted the annual Vienna New Year concerts. Cronkite often was cited in viewer opinion polls as "the most trusted man in America" because of his professional experience and kindly demeanor.



Service and was posted in Washington, Pakistan, Libya, Nigeria and Hong Kong before retiring in 1973. Hutchinson, 92, died of bladder cancer June 20 at his home in Gaithersburg, Maryland.



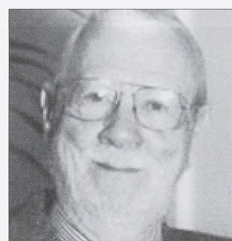
Bruno Kroker, 93, who fled his native Germany during the Nazi rule and worked as a journalist in China before becoming a church press officer in the United States, died June 11 in a Secaucus, New Jersey hospital. Involved with anti-Hitler groups, Kroker was chased out of Germany by the Gestapo in 1935 when he was 19. He then studied at universities in Denmark, Japan and China, where he spent 14 years. He covered the China-Japan war and the Communist victory in China for the *London Daily Express* and International News Service, and was editor of the *China Journal* and the *Far East Engineer* in Shanghai. After moving to the U.S. in 1950, Kroker worked as a press officer for CROP, the National Council of Churches, the Presbyterian Church and the World Council of Churches. A U.S. citizen since 1955, Kroker retired in 1980.



C. B. (Chick) Squire, 88, an OPC member since 1961, died in his sleep January 4 in Asheville, North Carolina. From 1940 to his death, Squire was an

editor, author, correspondent or consultant for many news organizations including *Newsweek*, CBS News, the New York *Daily News*, *Daily Star* in Dar al-Hayat, Lebanon (founding editor), *The New York Times*, Religious News Service, McGraw-Hill publications, *The Chicago Tribune* and *London Illustrated News*. During World War II, he served as a volunteer ambulance driver for the American Field Service with the British 8th and 14th Armies in the Middle East, North Africa, Italy and India. Squire served in a number of political offices including a Connecticut justice of the peace and several Democrat party posts.

He was the author of *Heroes of Conservation* (1973), co-author of *Oil Industry U.S.A.* (1977), co-author and general editor of *The Saga of Section Six* (1994) and editor of *The Liz Reader* (2002), a collection of short works by his late wife, **Elizabeth Daniels Squire**.



CORRECTION: The **Florence Kurzman** obituary in the June/July *Bulletin* failed to mention that two of her husband **Dan Kurzman's** books won OPC awards.

Film Depicts West Bank Immigrants' Arrival to America

EVENT PREVIEW: AUGUST 17

Amreeka, chronicles the adventures of Muna, a single mother who leaves Ramallah in the West Bank with Fadi, her teenage son, with dreams of an exciting future in the promised land of small town Illinois. In America, as her son navigates high school hallways the way he used to move through military checkpoints, the indomitable Muna scrambles together a new life cooking up falafel burgers as well as hamburgers at the local White Castle. Told with heartfelt humor by writer-director Cherien Dabis in her feature film debut, *Amreeka* is a universal journey into the lives of a family of immigrants and first-generation teenagers caught between their heritage and the new world in which they now live and the bittersweet search for a place to call home.

After daily humiliations at checkpoints, a boring bank job and a nagging mother, Muna decides to leave Palestine for a new life, but her timing is bad since they arrive in America just as U.S. troops are entering Baghdad, an unwelcoming time and place to be from the Middle East. The director Cherien Dabis grew up in a Palestinian/Jordanian family in rural Ohio who also experienced first-hand the ostracism of being an Arab during the first Gulf War. "For most of my life I felt like I wasn't American enough for the Americans, nor was I Arab enough for the Arabs. And as a Palestinian, I inherited my father's quandary in not having a nation or a national identity, which only exacerbated my sense of not belonging anywhere." In choosing a title for her first feature film Dabis used the Arabic word for America. "*Amreeka*



Muna and Fadi at the U.S. immigration window.

was my way of finding a title for a movie that's about the melding of two cultures..." Dabis said.

Amreeka made its world premiere at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival and at the Cannes Film Festival. The film will open in New York and Los Angeles in early September. The OPC is privileged to offer a screening on Monday, August 17 at 8:30 p.m. at the Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65 Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenues) in the Lincoln Center area. Director Cherien Dabis will do a Q&A following the screening.

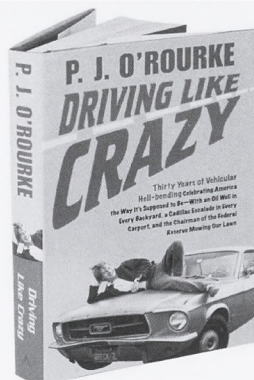
Reservations are essential. Please call the OPC office at 212-626-9220 or e-mail sonya@opcofamerica.org.

New Books: (Continued From Page 12)

With an Oil Well in Every Backyard, a Cadillac Escalade in Every Carport, and the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Mowing Our Lawn [New York: Atlantic Monthly Press]. Some of O'Rourke's gems: "Pity the poor American car when Congress and the White House get through with it – a light-weight vehicle with a small carbon footprint, using alternative energy and renewable resources to operate in a sustainable way."

"There was no premarital sex in America before the invention of the internal combustion engine. You couldn't sneak a girl into the rec room of your house because your mom and dad were unable to commute so they were home all day working on the farm. And your farm house didn't have a rec room because recreation had not been discovered due to all the farm work."

"Cars caused America to be paved. There are much worse things you can do to a country than pave it, as the Sudanese are proving in Darfur."

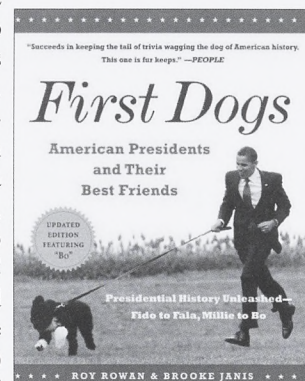


WHEN BARACK OBAMA BECAME PRESIDENT

Of the United States, he promised to bring a new dog to the White House for his daughters Sasha and Malia. He did. President Truman once recommended: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." Obama has many friends in Washington, but he also got a dog, Bo. To include Bo, **Roy Rowan** (OPC president 1998 to 2000) and **Brooke Janis** (former executive director of the OPC Foundation) expanded and updated their 1997

book *First Dogs: American Presidents and Their Best Friends* [Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Algonquin Books]. The 1997 hard-cover edition went into three printings and became a national bestseller with the addition of President Clinton's dog, Buddy.

Broadcaster **Dan Rather** wrote, "By studying the canine occupants of the White House, Roy Rowan and Brooke Janis have discovered the most human side of all our Presidents." Published in June, the new paperback edition is illustrated with 75 photos starting with Abraham Lincoln's Fido and drawings of earlier presidents. The authors write not only about first dogs but also highlights in the careers of their owners.



— by Al Kaff

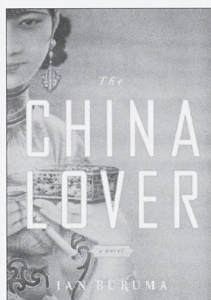
New Books

ASIA

SHE HAS BEEN KNOWN BY MANY NAMES, reflecting her long career as a singer, movie actress and politician. She was Yamaguchi Yoshiko when she was born in 1920 to Japanese parents in Manchuria, where she became a teenage singing celebrity.

Ri Koran, or Li Xianglan, when she starred in Japan's World War II films promoting its Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. Shirley Yamaguchi when she played in Hollywood movies. And now Otaka Yoshiko, 89, married to a Japanese diplomat and having served three terms in the upper house of Japan's Parliament.

Ian Buruma, a veteran correspondent in Asia and now a professor at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, writes about her in *The China Lover* [New York: Penguin Press], a fictional account of the real life story of Yamaguchi Yoshiko. "Poor, poor



Yamaguchi-san," Buruma writes. "All her life she had been exploited by cynical men who used her for their own nefarious ends... [They] exploited the very qualities that made her so special: her sincere wish to do good, her internationalism, her purity."

In *The Correspondent* magazine published by the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club, **Isabel Taylor Escoda**, herself an author, wrote, Yamaguchi's "marriage to the avant-garde Japanese-American sculptor Isamu Noguchi may have been the catalyst that made her finally confront the issue of national identity. Noguchi's demanding ways made her divorce him, after which she reinvented herself by going to the U.S. where she had a brief career in Hollywood in the 1950s."

EUROPE

THE TWO PHOTOJOURNALISTS wanted three things: to be rich, famous and American. That is a description of **Robert Capa** and his lover **Gerda Taro** in *Out of the Shadows: A Life of Gerda Taro* [London: Souvenir Press] by **François Maspero**, and translated by **Geoffrey Strachan**. When the Spanish Civil War started in 1936, Capa, then just 23, and Taro, three years his senior, set off to cover the action. Wearing a beret with a revolver



Taro and Capa in Paris, 1936.

at her hip, Taro dressed to be noticed, convinced that the vision of her would motivate and spur the Republican troops to victory. She was the first woman photographer to shoot film at the Spanish front, but her two-year career was cut short when she was killed in the 1937 Battle of Brunete. Capa, a Hungarian Jew, already was a photographer when he met Taro in 1935 in Paris.

She was a German from a Polish family of Jews. They became lovers, and Gerda adopted Capa's profession. An OPC Award is named for Capa, awarded annually for the best photographic coverage from abroad requiring exceptional courage and enterprise.

NORTH AMERICA

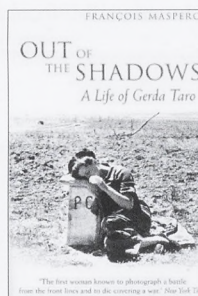
WHAT A SUBTITLE!

OPC member and humorist **P. J. O'Rourke** collects his articles about automobiles and adds new material in *DRIVING LIKE CRAZY: Thirty Years of Vehicular Hell-bending, Celebrating America the Way It's Supposed to Be*

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Breaking News:
The OPC exceeded the
\$25,000 required to meet
its Challenge Grant
thanks to last-minute
generous donations.

Coming Up...
Film Screening:
Amreeka
August 17 at 8:30 p.m.
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RSVP is essential. Details on page 11.



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